

Garage Remains Without Cameras

By LAUREN ORSINI
Staff writer

Mary Washington has no current plans to fit the campus parking deck with security cameras, despite a recent sexual assault of a UMW student on the third floor of the structure.

According to UMW Media Spokesperson Teresa Mannix, there were several reasons why the administration did not install cameras in the parking deck while it was being built in 2006.

"The decision was based on a combination of whatever the Virginia Attorney General's office advised the school as well as the cost of the camera system and the people would have to be hired to watch them," Mannix said.

Vice President Rick Hurley said that the attorney general did not require the university install cameras in the parking deck.

"We were asking from a liability perspective, which means we wanted to know our liability if we put cameras in the garage," Hurley said.

"The [Attorney General's] office did not tell us we could or could not install cameras but our decision was based on their comments and advice," he continued.

J. Tucker Martin, the director of communications for Virginia Attorney General Bob MacDonald, refused to comment on the nature of the advice.

"The University of Mary Washington is our client, and we are unable to discuss legal advice we offer our client with the public," Martin said.

Hurley said other safety factors contributed to the school's decision not to install the cameras.

"Their advice was that cameras provided a false sense of security, are incapable of capturing views of all areas of a deck and are not helpful for crime prevention unless you have someone staring at the monitors 24/7 and even then, it does not mean they would prevent crime since it takes time for police to respond to dispatch calls," Hurley said.

Hurley added that this decision was supported by the state crime prevention specialist, whom the school safety office hired to inspect the parking deck last week.

The specialist could not be reached for comment.

Hurley also said that the cost had been a factor, though he did not know what the price of installing cameras and hiring staff to watch them would be.

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Mass Disposal of *Bullet* Copies Prompts Police Investigation



Courtesy of Daniel Hudson

By RYAN MARR
Asst. Entertainment Editor

UMW police have re-opened an investigation into a previously closed vandalism case regarding the mass removal of the Oct. 9 *Bullet* from Woodard Campus Center.

Shortly after the *Bullet*'s printer delivered the nearly 3,000 copies of that week's newspaper to the back of Campus Center, someone took most of the papers and threw them into a nearby dumpster.

The incident occurred on Thursday, Oct. 9, sometime between 10:30 a.m. and early afternoon. The papers were discovered by a *Bullet* editor and the *Bullet*'s adviser later in the day.

Last week, university police reported that housekeeping supervisors told them that housekeeping workers at Campus Center accidentally threw the papers into the dumpster.

However, housekeeping supervisors disputed that report and said they

had never told police that any workers were responsible.

The renewed police investigation will include interviews with housekeeping workers, food service employees at the Eagle's Nest, and Willard Hall residents, according to Rick Hurley, executive vice-president of administration and finance.

"The administration cares deeply about the *Bullet* and the student community. We are making this investigation a high priority," Hurley said.

Bullet Associate Editor Susannah Clark and faculty adviser Steve Watkins said when they discovered the missing stacks of undistributed *Bullet* copies, the papers were lying under several bags of trash in a dumpster located behind Campus Center.

According to Watkins, the papers were unsalvageable. *Bullet* Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth Nowrouz said the value of the trashed papers—approximately 90 percent of that week's pub-

lication—was approximately \$1,200.

Clark reported the incident to University Police later that evening and was told that the police would open an investigation.

UMW Police Sergeant Wallace Janish, who conducted the investigation, reported that Housekeeping Supervisor Janet Scott informed him at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10 that housekeeping workers threw the papers into the dumpster after being told to clean up the area where the newspapers were located.

According to Clark, there were still several stacks of back issues in the area that had remained untouched.

On Oct. 15 University President Judy Hample issued an apology statement in an e-mail to *Bullet* editors extending the administration's condolences for "the mistake in communication between supervisor and employees."

School officials said the case was closed and no charges would be filed.

However, on Oct. 17, Herb Patterson, manager of housekeeping services, and Scott said that they gave no such statement to university police and that they had no evidence to suggest that housekeeping threw out the papers by mistake. They said they had no idea why campus police attributed the statements to them in the police report.

Patterson said no university housekeeping workers are assigned to Campus Center, and that cleaning duties there are handled by an outside contractor.

"I checked with the contractors, and their managers reported that housekeeping actually assisted the *Bullet* staff by bringing the papers inside the Campus Center and never touched them again," Patterson said.

Janish declined to comment on the discrepancies in the police report.

Watkins said university officials told him they would discuss the discrepancies with the officer.

LT Services, who are contracted to provide housekeeping services at the Campus Center, have not returned repeated requests for comment.

Susan Knick, assistant vice president for Public Safety and Community Services, said since the *Bullet* is provided free to students, the school won't file any criminal charges against whoever took the papers.

Front page articles in the issue included stories about the recent sexual assault in the UMW parking deck, the low number of minority students enrolled at the university, student complaints about restrictive rules in the dorms, and a student who discovered a cockroach in his Eagle's Nest sandwich.

Nowrouz declined to speculate about whom she thinks might have taken the papers, but said she hoped that the incident was an honest mistake.

"I feel terrible for the writers and editors who put so much of their time in to these stories, some of which are no longer timely and cannot be reprinted," Nowrouz said. "The community has a right to know what's going on."

Hurley has encouraged anyone with any information regarding the incident to come forward to campus police.

"I've stressed to police that if this was accidental, no punishment will be initiated," he said.

Plans for Eagle Village Released

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH
Staff Writer

The construction of Eagle Village, a \$115-million complex to feature new apartments, a high-security parking facility, retail stores and office space, and a pedestrian bridge spanning U.S. Route 1, will begin this March, with an estimated completion date of summer 2010.

The construction will take place on seven acres of the 21-acre Park 'n' Shop property across Route 1 from the UMW campus, primarily in the area currently occupied by Roses. UMW purchased the Park 'n' Shop last December.

As the first phase of a total redevelopment of the property, the construction will include a 620-bed apartment complex and a parking center with 540 parking spots and room for 200 bicycles.

According to the office of university relations and communication, each apartment will house a maximum of four students and have two full bathrooms, a full kitchen, and a living room.

University relations described the goals for the project in a press release last week: "The addition of these residences will relieve overcrowding on campus, allow the university to renovate its current residence halls, and reduce demand for student rental units and parking in local residential neighborhoods."

UMW Foundation CEO Jeff Rountree also said that the center will include 30,000 square feet of retail space to be leased to old tenants of the Park 'n' Shop or new tenants who wish to move into the space.

Negotiations are underway with Einstein Bagels, as well as several

restaurants who have expressed interest in the new retail space, but Rountree said no decisions have been made.

"We expect to see several new vendors move in within the next few months," Rountree said.

In a press conference, members of the UMW Foundation, which is overseeing the project, said that the facilities would be pedestrian-friendly and available to students, faculty members and townspeople.

According to UMW Foundation Board Chairman Red Hofer, the goal is to create a sustainable "green" urban setting.

"We will upgrade core retail services, such as a grocery store, dry cleaners, and post office, and add new high-end retail and restaurants to the area—all nestled within a park-like setting," Hofer said.

According to Rountree, the center will also attempt to replicate the aesthetics of the UMW campus, emphasizing red brick and Jeffersonian architecture.

UMW President Judy Hample emphasized that Eagle Village will be a means to connect the college and the community, and will have many benefits for the city of Fredericksburg, including real estate taxes to be paid to the city.

"I am proud to be working with the city to explore innovative ways to improve our community together," she said.

In addition, no student fees or state funds will be used in construction of Eagle Village, Hofer said. Funding will come from the UMW Foundation, formerly known as the UMW Real Estate Foundation, a private, non-profit foundation responsible for management of UMW assets. The Foundation is working with Bank of America,



Above and below: Proposed plans for the bridge to Eagle Village and the overall structure were released online. More information is available at www.umw.edu/news.



which will provide loans for the construction.

There will also be an emphasis on safety, with a 24-hour concierge in the apartment complex and increased security in the parking deck, said Rountree.

"The 221,000 square foot structured [parking] deck will be fully secured with monitored cameras, gated entry and exist, and card-swipe access

for users," he said.

An enclosed 214-foot bridge across Route 1 will also help students travel safely from campus to Eagle Village.

The entire development will take an estimated three to 10 years to complete, according to Hofer. The school hasn't yet announced details of the second phase of the project.

Weekend Weather

From Weather.com

Friday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 65
Low: 51

Saturday

Rain

High: 64
Low: 54

Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High: 67
Low: 45

Weekly Events

Homecoming 2008 Events:

Homecoming Bonfire: Thursday Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Jefferson Square. Laser tag, music and food.

Parade of Banners: Friday Oct. 24, 4 p.m. Campus Walk. Hosted by ARH and SGA

Homecoming Dance: Friday, Oct. 24, 9 p.m. Great Hall. Hosted by Class Council

Flobots Concert: Saturday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Rugby Field. Hosted by Giant Productions

Fireworks Finale: Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m. Rugby Field.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot request forms for the Presidential election will be available outside the Nest Thursday, Oct. 25. More information is available at Simpson library.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Entry forms due Thursday Oct. 23 in Seacobeack Hall. Prizes for best design. Pumpkins are provided.

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact The Bulletin at newsxcrew@gmail.com. Send a flyer image if possible.

Want to get involved? Come to a staff meeting on Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Bulletin office, located in the lower-level of Seacobeack, or contact newsxcrew@gmail.com

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
Assistant News Editor

Regional

Stafford County Resident Paul Gregory Chapman, 38, was acquitted earlier this month after a jury trial in the Stafford Circuit Court for charges of attempted rape, taking indecent liberties with a child, aggravated sexual battery, and abduction with the intent to defile. The 10-year-old girl claiming to be the victim was the key witness at the trial. Police were called after the girl reported Chapman's supposed attack on a guidance counselor at Brock Road Elementary School. Although cleared on the above charges, Chapman will remain in the Rappahannock Regional jail pending a Dec. 9 trial in Stafford on 10 charges of reproducing child pornography. Defense Attorney Price Koch says he feels confident that Chapman will be acquitted of those charges as well. (The Free Lance-Star, Oct. 22; www.fredericksburg.com)

House on William Street Purchased by UMW Foundation



Emily McAlpine/Bulletin

Above: The \$400,000 property purchased by the UMW Foundation at 1512 William St. The house will be used for office space for the newly relocated Foundation.

By SARAH SMITH
Staff Writer

The UMW Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization that coordinates donations to support the University, received the Fredericksburg City Council's unanimous approval on Oct. 14 to convert its newly acquired house at 1512 William St. into office space.

The Foundation needed specific approval by the City Council to change the function of residential property into business space. According to Foundation CEO Jeff Rountree, the Foundation's property is tax exempt under state law.

Therefore, any land acquisition by the Foundation detracts from the city's tax revenue, so the advantages of the Foundation's presence must outweigh this financial drawback.

The Foundation made the \$400,000 purchase in April of this year for the purpose of moving from its current location in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Not only has the Foundation outgrown its space, but it also seeks an independent location, as it is not officially affiliated with the school.

The Foundation will finalize plans with the city before the renovation process takes place, beginning after January.

Additionally, the University wants to use land behind the baseball stadium for parking. The William Street property provides access to that land.

"That will be of great benefit to the local neighbors along Hanover Street who have asked UMW to help find ways to alleviate the parking problems in their neighborhood," said Rountree. "That is clearly the benefit to the community in this case."

Rountree reports no objections to the purchase from the surrounding community.

"Every single neighbor in that area signed a letter approving of the purchase and plan," he said.

The estimated cost for the road and parking lot will be \$750,000, though there is no current projected date for its completion.

The William Street purchase

comes at a time of expansion for the University, as plans unfold for the Eagle Village that the school will develop in the current Park 'n' Shop location.

According to Vice President for Administration and Finance Rick Hurley, university purchased property creates a relevant issue in this development because it is taken off of the city's tax revenue.

However, according to Teresa Mannix, director of News and Public Relations, the University will pay real estate tax on the property, despite its exemption.

Both Hurley and Mannix emphasized University's need for growth, but also promoted the simultaneous importance of integrating it with the community's needs.

"Not all of our expansion moves are met with large scale approval," said Hurley. "We are sensitive to the concerns of the surrounding communities, and I do not believe we would expand into an area that we felt was going to be resisted by everyone in that particular area."

The Eagle Village project is one that will benefit both the students and the community, according to Mannix.

As an already developed area, it will not detract from existing green space or encroach on neighborhoods, while still providing additional housing for students and retail space available to the community.

"I believe the benefit is a long term one, in that the more and better facilities we provide to meet the needs of our students and faculty, the better we are at attracting and retaining students," Hurley said.

"This means that dollars will continue to flow into the city's coffers as our students, their parents and the employees spend money in the area," he added.

As for the concern that the school will continue to progress its expansion at a rapid rate, Hurley maintained that the focus will be on developing current projects.

"There is no need for the University to expand any further than it has at the moment," Hurley said.

National

Several major U.S. banks are leaning towards spending a portion of their federal rescue money on acquiring other financial terms rather than for issuing new loans, the primary purpose of the government's \$250 billion initiative. These banks include J.P. Morgan Chase, BB&T, and Zions Bancorporation along with about 10 other financial institutions belonging to the Financial Services Roundtable, which represents 10 of the nation's largest financial services firms. The firms, which are in a healthy financial state, have all said that they are considering using some of their federal money to buy banks in jeopardy of failing. There is a growing consensus among Treasury and other federal officials that this could stabilize the economy and bolster confidence in banks while saving money for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or FDIC. (The Washington Post, Oct. 22; www.washingtonpost.com)

Global

An ancient trade route across a disputed frontier between India and Pakistan in the Himalayan region of Kashmir reopened on Tuesday. The 106-mile road had been shut down when the two countries gained independence 61 years ago. Its reopening is seen as another tentative step by the two governments toward building peace in the disputed Kashmir region. India and Pakistan have fought two wars over the region, coming close to a third one in 2002. For many people, the road is seen as a potential economic boost after weeks of massive street protests calling on India to open the border to Pakistan for trade. Critics are cautious, however, about declaring the road's opening a victory, since trade regulations are so restrictive and since non-traders are not allowed to freely cross the border. (The Washington Post, Oct. 22; www.washingtonpost.com)

Student Parking Rules Changed

By LANDON JAMES
Staff Writer

New Weekend Parking Open to Residential Students

Residential students at the University of Mary Washington can now park in commuter parking lots from 5 p.m. on Fridays until 7 a.m. Mondays.

These lots include the parking deck behind Goolrick, the parking area next to the physical plant on College Avenue, and a handful of other commuter lots on and near campus.

Residential students who don't move their cars out of the commuter lots by Monday morning will face a \$40 fine.

"We'll consider this a pilot program, and if it goes well there is no reason to not make it permanent," UMW police chief James Snipes told members of the Student Senate earlier this month.

The administration also has plans to allow students living in the UMW apartments to park on the third level of the parking deck weekdays after 5 p.m. Officials have been working with the Student Senate and other student government leaders to decide how late apartment students will be allowed to park there. It will likely be until activities are finished for the evening at the campus recreational fields, next to the parking deck.

Susan Knick, assistant vice president of Public Safety and Community Service said she looks forward to seeing how the changes work out for the students.

"I am hoping these changes are going to have a positive effect, but only time will tell," she said. "Bringing people nearer to the areas they frequent on the weekend will have a positive effect."

Knick said she proposed that residents be able to park in commuter lots on weekends because she felt there was no sense in letting those parking spaces sit empty.

"I think the improvements we are making, because we are doing it so methodically, are permanent, long-term solutions and not immediate fixes," she said.

Snipes agreed. "Although it is not really believed by students, we are

constantly looking at parking," he said.

Snipes, Knick, and University President Judy Hample discussed a number of safety issues with Student Senate recently, including the conversion of the Jefferson parking lot to faculty/staff and student requests that the school add more blue lights on campus.

"I know the lot [Jefferson] is not full now, but we must accommodate for professors who already have offices in the houses," Snipes explained.

The administration changed the Jefferson lot earlier this year to accommodate parking for faculty whose offices have been moved into the two houses across from campus at the corner of William Street and College Avenue.

Ashley Davis, president of the Student Senate, said she would like to see weekend parking for residents allowed in faculty/staff lots—a practice that school officials allowed in the past, but outlawed in recent years. Davis also said lighting on campus is one of her biggest concerns.

"I think safety and parking on this campus has always been an issue," she said. "Ever since I have been here there has been a need for more lighting."

A number of senators asked if the school could install blue lights and emergency call boxes on Hanover Street. Snipes and Knick said adding the blue lights was a city issue because a number of private residences face Hanover across the street from the Battlegrounds.

Hample, who fielded questions at the Oct. 15 Student Senate meeting, recommended that students walk in well lit areas at night with a buddy. She also noted that walking while talking on a cell phone can distract students from paying attention to their own safety.

"I think it is very important that students be constantly aware of their safety and surroundings," she said. "Clearly the recent issue in the parking deck has heightened both awareness and sensitivity to safety on campus."

Student Senator and commuter

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Correction:

Due to an editing error, in "Speaker Warns of Gang Violence," (Oct. 9) the name of the gang Mara Salvatrucha 13 (MS-13) was incorrectly identified as an individual person. The quote attributed to Mara Salvatrucha 13 about tattoos reflecting gang members' criminal accomplishments was from Detective Lynch.

Viewpoints

Police Owe the *Bullet* and UMW an Explanation

Two weeks ago, the Police Beat had its dream story.

Close to 3000 copies of the *Bullet* were taken from their drop-off location and thrown in the dumpster behind the Woodard Campus Center. UMW Police have come up with no official answer and the case remains open.

As far as we know.

A *Bullet* editor filed a police report immediately after the missing papers were discovered under the day's trash that afternoon, and when this current paper went to print she had yet to be contacted by the police regarding the matter in any way.

The administration has gotten involved in the ordeal, and President Hamble sent a thoughtful and considerate e-mail to the editors and writers of the paper, citing "conclusive" findings by the UMW Police.

The story, as we heard it second and third hand, was that Housekeeping staff had "inadvertently" thrown away our papers when instructed to clean the area. We obviously had many questions.

Why remove them now, when the papers are delivered to the same spot every week? Why were several hundred previous issues of the paper left behind while nearly all of the new issues were thrown away?

Visits to the police station proved fruitless. We were told the investigation was being reopened, but could not get a firm answer as to why. Was the initial information incorrect, or was there new evidence? If it wasn't

Housekeeping, then who was it? They said they would call. They have not.

These unfortunate circumstances have given us a new perspective into the frustrating relationship we have had with the UMW Police all semester. Police Chief James Snipes is the only member of the police authorized to release the incident reports that become our weekly Police Beat. Despite numerous attempts to contact him through e-mail, telephone and surprise visits to the police station, Snipes has been unreachable for

weeks. This matter goes far beyond common courtesy. It is Federal law that a university release its incident reports to the public. Our phone calls requesting these reports have gone unanswered for far too long. Rumors are circulating as to the person or persons behind the *Bullet* dumping, and the police's lack of cooperation and transparency only adds fuel to the fire.

But above our frustration with the lack of cooperation and the unanswered phone calls is our regret to the UMW community. This paper is for you, and when we can't get it into your hands, the failure falls partly on us. We will continue to doggedly follow this investigation until some real answers are provided, and we will keep pressure on the police to maintain the openness that is required of them by law.

And when we get the answers, you'll read about them here first.

Life Outside Politics a Smart Move for Some

BY BREEANNA SVEUM
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I no longer have any doubt that achieving the American Dream is possible—that is, if your dream is to run for elected office.

Regardless of previous experience, anyone can run for anything. You're a movie star and the liberal bias of Hollywood isn't enough for you? Run for governor! Schwarzenegger did it. Oh, you're a movie star and you're fed up with liberal America? Run for president! Ronald Reagan, poster boy for the Republican party, was a movie star before he was a politician.

These days, politics isn't limited to the pundits who've been involved in their parties for decades. Even if you've done nothing but whine about current affairs or community organization, you can run for office and you can win.

Oh, you're not convinced? Still feeling like the plumber can't be anything but a plumber (with or without a license)? Here's further proof: Al Franken, veteran comedian and writer/performer for "Saturday Night Live" has thrown his hat into the Minnesota Senate ring.

And here's the kicker: by some polls, he's winning.

The 2012 presidential primaries might include Paris Hilton and Hulk Hogan (like they're any less experienced than Sarah Palin). Brad and Angelina would make a nice ticket, right? Wrong. Enough with the fake politicians. Everyone needs to stick with what they're good at, and sometimes that isn't politics.

This means the actresses should stay actresses (SNL is where you belong, Tina Fey, entertaining me on Saturday nights) and the musicians should stay in the music industry (here's looking at you, Bono). Even the power couples should stay in their skill set. Brangelina should stop with the world fixing and go back to what they're good at—turning their house into a preschool and having/adopting children. And acting. They still act, right?

But the celebs aren't the only ones contributing to this problem. Sure, people like Al Franken are crowding out traditional, self-respecting politicians, but there are politicians (who have done nothing but politics) who have missed their mark and left behind a better-suited field.

Take Sarah Palin for example. Judging by her ethics violations and abuse of power, she's obviously not suited for politics. Does this mean she's totally hopeless and should drop off the face of the earth because she'll never be a fully-functioning member of society?

No. She just needs to do what she's actually good at.

So she's not good at being honest with her con-



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stituents or keeping her family politics out of her Alaskan politics. She's good at things like moose hunting and giving her children strange names (Trig, really?).

Mike Huckabee is another politician who missed his calling. He tanked in the Republican primary (though he did win a couple of states, which is more than Ross Perot can say) and his politics are enmeshed in religion, which has no place in the government.

But Huckabee does have a skill set. Back in September, he entered a contest to find DC's funniest celebrity, and despite not actually being from DC at all (he's from Arkansas), he won.

I've seen the YouTube clips; this was no hack judging with people in Huckabee's pocket—he's actually funny. On Mitt Romney, he said, "He had more positions than an underage Chinese gymnast." He plays the guitar too. Huckabee is indeed a man of many talents—just, politics isn't one of them.

Still, Huckabee is at least on the right track. He's got a talk show on Fox where he can talk about politics and religion to his heart's content without the danger of actually influencing government policy. Everyone else should take a leaf from Huckabee's book.

Palin should just keep hunting moose and popping out strangely named children. Hillary Clinton should keep letting Bill run around with strange women and forgiving him. The George Bushes of the world should stick to cocaine instead of the nuclear trigger. The Barack Obamas of the world should stick to giving inspiring speeches, using lofty language, and being elitist. And John McCain too should stick with what he's good at—riding on his father's coattails, crashing Navy planes, and having heart attacks.

At this rate, we're going to run out of politicians.



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hear back from GEICO and I will be going in for a second interview sometime in the next week, but for the rest of you who aren't graduating in December and have those few extra months in the Spring, go to Career Services and start working on this issue now instead of worrying about it and leaving it till the last minute. Work on that resume, make some connections, learn what is available in your field of choice, because all of these things are crucial to you finding a job in today's tight market and with over 900 students graduating from Mary Washington alone this spring, it's going to be quite the competition.

The Job Search Starts Now

BY EMMA SMITH
Guest Columnist

Hunting for a job in today's climate is tough. With businesses looking for experience and Master's degrees, the average college graduate is having a harder time finding employment. So, when I decided last spring to graduate this December, I spent the first couple of months freaking out. I didn't have a business degree or a Masters and graduate school wasn't in my immediate future. Then August came and I realized that I needed to start my search immediately.

I began scouring the Internet with sites like monster.com and hotjobs.com but they yielded only a few hits and no returned phone calls. I spent some time on Craigslist and found even fewer hits and more scams than you could shake a stick at. I realized I needed to get serious about my search.

"A recent study of more than 13,000 graduating students found that those who used the career center and its resources were more likely to report job search success than their friends who decided to go it alone," said the 2009 issue of the Job Choices for Science, Engineering, & Technology Students publication.

I started my job as a Peer Career Advisor in Career Services mid-September and I quickly realized through the training process that there would be more to finding a job than just picking it out of a binder and applying. Those sessions helped me understand that Career Services should have been my first step—not my last. Resumes had to be written and rewritten, cover letters had to be made for each individual application and, of course, there was the interview process to go through.

I soon began sending out feelers to different businesses. Through Career Services, I gained access to a site called eRecruiting.com, which, much like monster.com, posts jobs online. These listings are different though, the employers who post are often targeting UMW students, however, these listings are not accessible to just anyone. This site is available only if you have a registration code; something that Career Services can provide for you. They can also help you rewrite your resume, give you access to several very helpful online job sites, talk you through cover letters, free of charge.

Their service is paid for by our tuition. If you think about it, why wait until after graduation and spend hundreds of dollars to get someone else to

help, when you can do it now for free? That's a no brainer.

So I began hearing back from jobs, many of them still saying no, but at least I was starting to get somewhere. I had several meetings with career counselors to work on cover letters for applications and spent plenty of time in the office looking through the job binders. Then I found out about Career Day, which is happening today in Great Hall and got a list of the businesses coming to the fair. On that list was GEICO. I looked them up and applied online for one of their positions. I figured it was a shot in the dark and at this point with the slipping economy, I would be lucky to find anything.

The economy is something that has everyone, including me, worried. With stocks falling and the next several months looking uncertain, I worry about my entire class finding jobs.

We need to be serious about the job search, because unless your parents own a multi-million dollar company and that job is a sure thing, you may have to start worrying about where our next meal is coming from.

Therefore, my words of advice to the Class of 2009, as well as the other classes, are to start looking, and start looking now. I was lucky enough to

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Viewpoints

Sex a Healthy Act for Mind and Body

I can always tell when a friend just got lucky. They seem calmer, more upbeat and oftentimes produce a goofy smile when I ask them how their night has been.

Sex is a two-sided coin with which many people like to play heads or tails.

Sure, there are a lot of potential problems that come with the act of fornication such as emotional craziness, STDs, potential awkwardness, and so on.

But on the other end of the spectrum, sex can be quite healthy.

I have friends who swear that having sex makes their skin clearer or their boobs bigger. While these benefits are not medically proven, there are some perks to being promiscuous.

Sex can increase oxidation, reduce bad cholesterol and help to relieve stress. The act also increases hormone production, especially in males, which in turn can strengthen the bones and muscles of the human body.

There also seems to be a pain-relief factor. I know a lot of girls who, if they have a willing partner, find that having sex during Aunt Flow's visit greatly reduces cramps. Some studies indicate that sex may also reduce joint pain and headaches. That's right, no more excuses, ladies.

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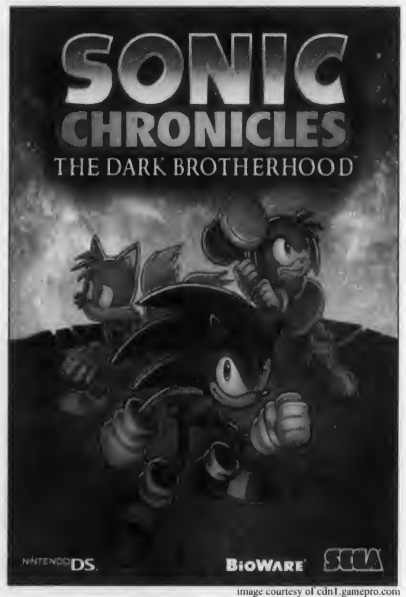


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the Spotlight

Ben Folds, "Way to Normal"
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Ben Folds took to the stage in Hiroshima, Japan as the house lights lowered and expectations rose, only to slip and promptly cut open his head in front of thousands of fans. And while the scars may be hard to see on the cover of his latest release, "Way to Normal,"

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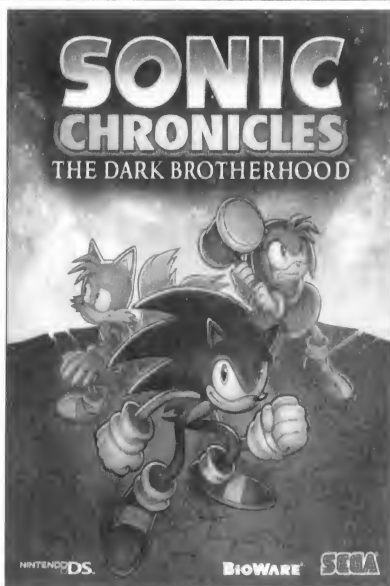


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The Boss from "Metal Gear Solid 3" was one of the best characters in the franchise and integral to the storyline and development of the main character, Solid Snake. Yet there are also characters like EVA from the same series and Lara Croft from the "Tomb Raider" series who, though being incredibly powerful and assertive, are still portrayed as sex objects—see the increase of Lara's bust

over the years.

Females also assume the role of villains in many games, with such characters as The Queen from "Chrono Trigger" being responsible for the downfall of an entire civilization and being so ruthless that she would sacrifice her children for power. Nicole Horne from "Max Payne" systematically and cold-heartedly destroys the protagonist's life before trying to destroy the man himself. While these villainesses aren't exactly positive depictions of females, it does show that the "boss of the game" need not be a man.

There are hundreds of other characters that I could mention, but you get the idea. In my opinion and based on my gaming experience, video games are an incredibly progressive medium that have hosted several female characters that feminist groups should extol. However, these characters are often eclipsed by the negative images of females in gaming. Although personally I think that any complaints about the depiction of women in mainstream gaming are senseless and that the arguments of those who made the complaints are as empty as their heads.

the Spotlight

Ben Folds, "Way to Normal"
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Ben Folds took to the stage in Hiroshima, Japan as the house lights lowered and expectations rose, only to slip and promptly cut open his head in front of thousands of fans. And while the scars may be hard to see on the cover of his latest release, "Way to Normal," the album's second single, "Hiroshima," serves as a reminder of the incident as well as a return to the quirky piano man's return to normalcy—though it's too early to bring out the welcome brigade just yet.

Fans of the Folds of yore may have missed the singer's humor, quippy remarks and light melodies since Folds' most recent album, "Songs for Silverman," More familiarly, "Way to Normal" musically ties itself to Folds' first solo record, "Rockin' the Suburbs," since his split from Ben Folds Five.

With similar playfulness and jabs at culture, it appears that the good humored pianist has returned to his "normal" songwriting standard. On his latest, the songs are once again lighthearted, discussing breakups humorously ("Bitch Went Nuts") and clean-cut life satirically ("Ettington"). But Folds' piano falls flat with "Normal," which lacks the substance of his previous work,



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be it solo or in the triumvirate of talent, Ben Folds Five.

If "Songs for Silverman's" melancholy marks it as the brooding, emotional genius in the family and "Rockin' the Suburbs'" jovial melodies place it as the mischievous yet loveable younger sibling, then "Way to Normal," like an awkward distant relative, tries to be youthful by playing a younger age than it actually is.

Folds, now with two decades of musicianship under his belt, has plummeted to a level of juvenile songwriting that even his earliest works never reached.

With too much mishmashed experimentation, the album sounds haphazardly thrown together with little regard for substance. More so than in any of his previous work, Folds now focuses on hypothetical characters without stories an audience can relate to—a musical land he once reigned—

with recent songs such as "Dr. Yang," a tune about a series of doctors and their professions, twisting and tugging the pianist whose lyrics now lack anecdotes or any substantial purpose at all. Really.

Not even his collaboration with indie-pop songstress Regina Spektor could save the album from meaninglessness. "You Don't Know Me," while catchy, is merely repetitive and with Spektor only repeating Folds' basic, explanatory lines back to him, gives her little to work with.

The few shining gems of the album, the hilarious "Hiroshima (B B Benny Hit His Head)"—Folds' nod to Sir Elton—and "Cologne," his solemn "Silverman"-like heartbreaker about the end of a relationship—stand out as a ray of hope that Folds, while musically, lyrically and substantively lacking, may someday escape "Way to Normal," the abnormal low point of his career.

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Entertainment

'Religulous' is Entertaining and Terrifying

By **MISSAK ARTINIAN**
Staff Writer

In Monroe Hall, there's a restroom that has the following words inscribed on one of the stalls: "Jesus loves you...unless you live in a third world country, then not so much."

These words came to my mind while watching Bill Maher's new documentary.

The documentary exposes the "irrational behaviors," as Maher puts it, of people from different walks of life, with different cultural values and different belief systems who contradict each other, spit out nonsense and stand on weak ground when arguing about what they believe and why. Considering that the documentary is from the same minds that brought you "Borat" and "Fahrenheit 9/11," you can be assured that it is entertaining, funny and certainly controversial.

"Religulous" may very well be offensive to many, but unlike movies like "Borat," it doesn't try too hard to be objectionable with over-the-top vulgar content. Instead, Maher simply asks questions to ministers, priests, senators and ordinary people who lend their own ridiculous material to the documentary with their nonsensical, yet hilarious, answers. Maher is on top of his game with his customary wit and cynicism.

There is one memorable interview Maher conducts with a preacher named Jesus Miranda. Mr. Miranda believes that he is the second coming of Christ. Think that's funny? It gets better. Instead of likening Miranda to Christ, Maher compares him to Carmen Miranda. But, says Maher "instead of having fruits on your head, you have fruits in your head." Genius. Then we find out that Mr. Miranda has over 100,000 fol-

lowers. Not so funny anymore.

Even though the documentary is humorous in its execution, it is very serious in its message. Maher takes issue with the connection between religion and nationalism. It makes no sense, he argues, that Americans should believe that they are "under God," when, in fact, there is no inherent connection between one's nation and religion be-

President George W. Bush, while campaigning in 2000, saying, "I believe that God wants everyone to be free...that's part of my foreign policy." What's more alarming is that when some of Bush's supporters were asked why they were planning to vote for him in 2000, many proudly admitted it was because of his faith.

Considering that there are some Americans out

in Orlando, Fla. called "Holy Land." Visitors there can buy holy souvenirs, holy food, and can watch a live show where a Jesus surrogate is whipped by surrogate Roman guards. Yes, it's just as ridiculous as it sounds. Worse still, the audience takes pictures and applauds the supposed suffering of Christ. What do they think they're watching? "The Lion King" on ice?

"Religulous" only opened in selected theatres, so I had to drive up to Alexandria to watch it. What a shame, because only die-hard fans of Maher's show on HBO, agnostics and atheists, will make the extra effort to go see it. If the documentary ever airs on HBO, and I suspect it will, I highly recommend watching it. However, it's important to watch it with an open-mind, no matter what your religion.

As someone who was raised in the Christian faith, and is great friends with people from different religious backgrounds, I do have to say that the people Maher interviewed were what some would call "extremists," whether they were Christian, Jewish or Muslim (Hindu and Buddhists get a free pass). That is natural, of course, because had Maher interviewed me or any one of my friends, he would have had a pretty boring documentary.

Even though Maher does make some unfair generalizations based on the extreme views of those who he interviewed, I still found Maher's satirical social commentary persuasive and above all, very entertaining. At the end of the day, if Maher's goal for making "Religulous" was to engender laughter, he certainly succeeded. But if Maher was hoping to convert people or change their beliefs, like many religions tend to do, then he's only preaching to the choir.



Religulous creator Bill Maher stands with "Jesus" at the Orlando, Fla. tourist attraction "Holy Land."

sides a few songs and a pledge of allegiance.

It makes even less sense to tie nationalism and religion together when Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, among other founding fathers, who were arguably agnostics and atheists themselves, established the principle to separate church and state.

And yet, the documentary replays a clip of

there who won't vote for Senator Obama because they believe that he's Muslim, even though he's not and even though there's nothing wrong with being Muslim, it just goes to show you that a candidate's faith, rather than his or her policies, unfortunately dictates who some people vote for.

Maher also explores the ties between religion and commercialism. He visits a tourist attraction

Friday Night Dry Attracts a Record Crowd Face Paint and Food Redeem Annual Booze-Free Event

By **KASEY NABAL**
Staff Writer

"I love Friday Night Dry!" howled a guy beneath my third story dorm room window. I had just come up to my room searching for my camera so I could take pictures of Friday evening's social event.

Seniors Amanda Russell and Nick Perilla headed the Fall 2008 Friday Night Dry. They said that in years past, Friday Night Dry was really a "Thursday Afternoon Dry." It would be held usually on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—hardly a fitting time to have a social event meant for students who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages. In cooperation with the Judicial Review Board, Association of Residence Halls and Office of Students Activities and Community Service, Friday Night Dry was a huge success this year.

"It was a 'pilot program,'" said Nick Perilla who further explained, "nothing like this has been done before."

I had previously chatted with a friend, asking her what exactly Friday Night Dry was. She told me not to bother with it and that in previous years it was boring and hardly anyone showed up—meaning it was rarely, if ever, a huge success.

However, I needed to go and see for myself

what the deal was. I was there in front of Monroe Hall—where Friday Night Dry was held—for all of five minutes when I decided that it was going to be an awesome night and that I most definitely needed my camera.

This year's event featured face painting, water balloon toss, graffiti (on paper big enough to fit three cars), henna tattoos, acoustic jams, games tables and the most important element of friends and food. The menu included all-American favorites, hotdogs and hamburgers. The food factor escalated the hype and brought in more and more merrymakers by word of mouth.

"I'm an RA so I knew about it already and I read the OSACS weekly e-mail," answered sophomore Landon James when asked why he came out to Friday Night Dry. "It lets you know what's going on. Plus, the food tonight was better than most events here."

The involvement of the ARH and all the residence halls that set up tables with themes and activities were a good part of the success. The activities were fun, interactive and some even brought out the little kid in us.

"My job was to help come up with the activity idea, execute and supervise it at my table," said Annie Unger, an RA in Alvey. The Alvey activity

was face painting.

In my opinion, this fall's Friday Night Dry had a lot of appeal for all of the UMW classes. Who wouldn't fancy free food and fun frivolities?

Freshman Meg Dumlao commented, "I just came out for the food and to hang out. It's lame having nothing to do on a Friday night."

On the whole, my friends and I certainly enjoyed the night and took some pretty cool pictures. Furthermore, I am 99.9 percent positive that all who attended had a good time, too. My only recommendation is that it be at least a once-a-semester-happening instead of an annual happening.



Sophomore RA Landon James shows off his face paint at this year's Friday Night Dry.

Mickey Rourke Shines in Aronofsky's Latest Film

By **ELIOT HAGEN**
Staff Writer

Darren Aronofsky is doubtlessly one of the most talented filmmakers still active today. With stellar titles like "Pi" and "Requiem for a Dream"

that earned him world acclaim, the bar is set pretty high. Though his third movie, "The Fountain," was met with less than spectacular reviews, his newest endeavor, "The Wrestler," is a masterpiece. The film has only been screened a handful of times at film festivals around the world, winning the Golden Lion in Venice and most recently closing the 46th annual New York Film Festival.

In an Oscar-worthy performance that trumps anything he has done in the past, Mickey Rourke plays aging wrestler Randy 'The Ram' Robinson nearing the end of both his career and his life.

Rourke, the focus of the entire film, receives excellent support from Marisa Tomei as a stripper named Cassidy and Evan Rachel Wood as his daughter with whom he's lost touch. Both actresses perform their parts excellently, though

in scenes with Rourke they are often eclipsed by his performance.

The film is intensely raw and honest, with

Aronofsky flexing his documentary muscles in many of the wrestling scenes. The cinematography, helmed by Maryse Alberti instead of Aronofsky's usual Matthew Libatique, uses plenty of handheld camera but not to the point of jarring the viewer. This is especially effective during long tracking shots and the wrestling matches. There are also static long

shots reminiscent of the boardwalk scenes in "Requiem for a Dream."

The absence of some Aronofsky staples might make some fans anxious, but rest assured that the film is still magnificent. You'll recognize character actor Mark Margolis, who has been in every one of Aronofsky's films, and Clint Mansell, who did the music—though it's far less predominant and integral than the soundtracks for "Requiem"

and "Fountain."

If you enjoyed any of Aronofsky's work, you must see this film. It's a logical progression and evolution of his talents as a director, completely up to the high standard he set for himself in his previous three works. "The Wrestler" will see commercial release on Dec. 19th and anyone with any interest in film owes it to himself to see it as soon as the opportunity presents itself.



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Features



Brittany DeVries/Bulletin

Left: Riding Hazlewild Farm's pony, Morn, Eric Christian shares some laughs with UMW professor of English Connie Smith (handler), Therapeutic club leader Sarah Epstein, and Jack.

Below: With a backrider, Kelley rides bare-back on Barney, a pony from Fredericksburg's Hazlewild Farm, for a therapeutic lesson Tuesday.

In the Saddle: Equine Therapy

By **BRITTANY DEVRIES** and **SARAH DELANEY**
Features Editor and Staff Writer

After a full year of trying, Aidan McGlothlin was still bumping along at the trot, not able to figure out the up-down-up-down motion to correctly post.

Aidan's mother, Christine McGlothlin, said that his favorite horse, Annie, had been in foal and was still on break from lessons until recently.

"It was incredible," McGlothlin said. "The first time Annie came back, Aidan got on her and he posted. He was glad to have her back."

Aidan, 8 years old, has ADHD and Expressive and Receptive Language Disorder. For the past two years he has been taking lessons every week with the Therapeutic Riding Program at Hazlewild Farm in Fredericksburg.

Annie, a white pony, was the first horse Aidan ever rode.

"He never did well with organized sports like his brothers," McGlothlin said. "With this, he really connects with the horses. He is at ease with the animals."

Posting is not the only task instructor Kristie Torline presents to the students. Within their capabilities, riders as young as 3 and as old as sixty years old do not just walk on a lead, they trot, turn, use aids, and learn basic equitation seat and positions.

McGlothlin walked to the middle of the ring with her

camera in hand, watching for the first time her son jump his horse over a cross rail fence.

Torline, who first got involved with the program when she saw an ad in the paper looking for volunteers in 2002, is very close with her riders and knows their strengths and weaknesses like any other trainer would with students.

"Malachi is our little speed demon," Torline said with a laugh as a little African-American boy sped by on a bay pony named Archie.

"Each child is entirely different," she said. "That's why I do this—I love the kids."

**Interested?
Contact Restiano at
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Torline was certified in 2003 by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) as a Registered Level Instructor.

The Therapeutic Riding Program, held at the same farm which hosts the UMW riding team, serves people in Fredericksburg and surrounding areas with a wide range of physical and mental disabilities, including Autism, Asberger's, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, developmental problems, visual impairments and Fragile X Syndrome.

It holds four sessions each year and each season, fall, midwinter, spring, and summer, costs \$165, with \$15 in

administrative fees, and a \$25 lesson fee.

Often, three volunteers are needed for each rider, one who leads the horse, and two on both sides of the horse to stabilize the rider if needed.

Lessons are typically run with 5-8 riders in the ring at one time.

Being entirely run by volunteer effort, the program's success is largely due to UMW's commitment to the effort, through COAR's Therapeutic Riding Club.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," Torline said. "We struggle in the summer when college isn't in session."

Senior Sarah Restiano, the Therapeutic Riding Club leader, could not stop grinning as she finished the lesson beside a little boy named Eric Christian.

Since beginning as a volunteer during her freshman year, Restiano has watched the club grow in numbers.

"I made it apparent that it was really important to the kids," she said. "The kids are worth it. I like that you can see improvement each week with them. They make a connection with the horses that really makes them forget they have a disorder."

For the past four years, professor of English Mara Scanlon has been bringing her 9-year-old son, Kirby Foss, to Hazlewild for Tuesday evening lessons.

Scanlon noted that her son had been riding "with some of the same kids for several years."

According to Restiano, the \$165 fee

per rider per season is quite minimal compared to the cost of conventional riding lessons. She said all of the lesson fees go straight back to the riders and the program.

Last Saturday, the program was asked to volunteer at the Buddy Walk in Fairfax, put on by the Down Syndrome Association of NOVA.

"We brought three ponies and one horse, and walked at the Government Center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.," Restiano said.

Torline mentioned that the girl walking beside Aidan, alumnus Rebecca



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Funkhauser, was in training for Therapeutic Riding Teaching Certification, "because of her experience with the UMW program," Torline said.



By **ANNE LONGERBEAM**
Assistant Features Editor

Drive-By Shooter dashes onto the court in the chill late night air at the UMW basketball court behind Jefferson Hall.

Drive-By, a nickname in dodgeball for sophomore Ryan Lott, charges the center court line at the start of the game before the opposing team can reach the line and strike with their balls.

"I just swoop by and take one [player] out from a couple of feet away," Lott said. "It's hard for them to hit me because I have so much momentum."

He is just one member of an eclectic group of UMW students who meet every Wednesday night for dodgeball games on the basketball court. This informal group of students started meeting about five years ago, at the same time as the establishment of one of the first U.S. college dodgeball teams at Michigan State University. The first college dodgeball tournament, the Spartan Dodgeball Invitational, was held by

MSU in 2005.

On a nice night at campus, as many as 50 players show up to play dodgeball. Even on a stormy night about 10-20 players show up, including senior Sam Krieg, for the love of the game of dodgeball: games sometimes run until 3 a.m. despite rain, snow or other bad weather conditions.

"Dodgeball has become a part of my college experience that I'll look back on when I've graduated, and consider time very well spent," Krieg said. "I don't hitchhike to Yes concerts during my time in college like some of my friends' dads did, but I have hit and been hit by people in the face."

Well-known in the surrounding residence halls for their loud games, some members have faced heated resentment from students who find out their affiliations with the dodgeball crew, while other students appreciate their passion.

"For not being a formal club, I am impressed at how well-attended and committed they are to playing," Tim St. Onge said, a junior and Bushnell resident. "I can often hear them from my dorm and they sound really intense."

Krieg has been in casual small talk



Courtesy of Anna Lauher

Team member Morgan Kay.

with classmates who have been less understanding when he revealed that he is an avid dodgeball player. Krieg mimicked one classmate's reaction in a high-pitched tone.

"So you're the reason I couldn't sleep last night!" Krieg said.

Dodgeball players adhere to a strict set of 14 rules found on their Facebook group entitled "UMW Dodgeball."

After team members grab balls from the center court line, the players run back to the three-point line where the balls are considered "live," or in play. During the game, if players are hit by the ball before it hits the ground, they are counted as "out" and must stand outside the fence of the court. The game ends when one of the teams is eliminated.

Some other rules on the Facebook group describe the character of the game, such as "play with honor" and "don't be a douche-bag."

An implicit rule among dodgeball players is the final elimination of one-on-one, similar to the sudden-death round in the movie "Dodgeball," a comedy released in 2004. In "Dodgeball," the Average Joes team, led by Peter LaFleur (Vince Vaughn) battled

the power-hungry Purple Cobras team, led by White Goodman (Ben Stiller). The Average Joes won the final elimination round due to a blindfolded team member getting his confidence back and striking Stiller with the last ball.

Both players must run to the fountain and back to break the tie, according to the one-on-one elimination round at UMW. This rule resulted in a major injury last semester for 2008 alumnus Jason Istvan.

Krieg remembered how the injury took place: Istvan ran hurdling down the hill, flying over the table, tripping, and falling onto the concrete pavement. Istvan suffered a tear to his liver, in addition to severely spraining his wrist while trying to vault over the picnic table behind Bushnell Hall.

Overall, the injuries have been few in dodgeball, and for many of the players, it is well worth the risk.

"Dodgeball has greatly increased my social circle at UMW, which helps since I'm a commuter," Krieg said. "You never know what kind of people are going to show up—what year, major, or personality. I became good friends with a lot of people that I would not have otherwise."

New Twist on Fred's Old Mexican Favorite

Soup & Taco, Etc. offers delicious dishes and a sit-down dining experience under its new management.

By **JESSICA PIKE**
Staff Writer

Upon entering, the cheerful yellow walls brightened up the gray October day, and the aroma of Mexican cuisine filled the air. I was greeted by a warm and welcoming smile as owner Jose Gonzales invited my friend and I to choose a seat.

As I perused the vast menu, Gonzales explained that as new owners, they have expanded the menu.

"We are really playing with the 'Etc' part of our business name," Gonzales said.

The Soup & Taco, Etc.'s menu includes all of the expected Mexican food traditions, with tacos, burritos, enchiladas, tortilla soup, and quesadillas. The restaurant also served un-traditional dishes, including Gonzales' favorite, Chicken Chipotle.

This entrée offered a tender piece of chicken soaked in a chipotle butter sauce, topped with feta and mozzarella cheese, served with Spanish rice and beans.

Acknowledging the many vegetarian customers, Gonzales stated that they have "an amazing response for our new vegetarian tacos."

Known for their mouthwatering authentic Mexican food at reasonable prices, the restaurant underwent new management Aug. 5.

It is now better than ever.

The lunchtime crowd just began to wander in, and the intimate eight-table restaurant was quickly filled with college students, families, and businessmen. This fun and relaxed atmosphere allowed for easy conversation, and put me at ease.

Immediately, I was handed complimentary tortilla chips and nachos. The chips were warm and light, with the nutty taste of corn. The salsa was mild, with finely chopped fresh tomatoes, green peppers, and onions.

Gonzales was our server, and he provided menus as he explained the lunchtime specials in a pleasant, knowledgeable manner.

The specials for the day included one or two tacos with a bowl of soup (\$7-8.95) and a steak and cheese burrito with peppers, onions, and tomatoes, served with beans and rice (\$7.95).

He also wanted future customers to know that Soup & Taco, Etc. is in the process of applying for its ABC license. Gonzales said he hopes to be able to serve beer and liquor soon.

"I am just proud of what we serve and want people to enjoy it," Gonzales said.

Listening to Gonzales talk, and observing the satisfied customers that surround me, it was obvious that this Mexican restaurant gave an impressive twist on typical Mexican cuisine.

As I decided on the Chicken Taco with a bowl of tortilla soup, my friend opted for the Chicken Quesadilla, served with guacamole dip, sour cream, and salsa.

Within five minutes, the hot tortilla soup arrived at the table. The zesty, chicken flavored broth was light, and the soup, made with thinly sliced chicken, corn, onions, and avocado, served with a lime and topped with corn tortilla strips, was delicious.

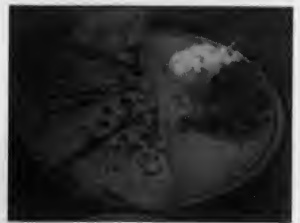
The lunch entrees were

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Under new management since August 5, the Mexican restaurant now offers a larger menu and more expansive seating.



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Soup & Taco, Etc. serves many traditional, as well as modern, Mexican dishes.

tinct cinnamon and chocolate flavors.

The bill for two people rang up under \$25, making it a very good deal for frugal college spenders. With its affordable prices, comfortable environment, and friendly, efficient service, a stop at Soup & Taco, Etc. is a must.

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

By **ANNE LONGERBEAM**
Assistant Features Editor

Presidential candidates Senator Barack Obama of the Democratic Party, and Senator John McCain of the Republican Party, met for their third and final debate last Wednesday night at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Before I started watching the debate, I was an undecided voter. Even though I had attended a recent rally at UMW for Obama and Joe Biden, Obama's vice-presidential running mate, I was still unsure of whose policies I agreed with more.

As the debate began, McCain diligently focused on a recent comment made by Obama to Joe Wurzelbacher, nicknamed "Joe the Plumber," from Holland, Ohio. Wurzelbacher stopped Obama while Obama was campaigning on his street, asking whether he would have to pay higher taxes as an owner of a small business. Obama responded to Joe.

"I think that when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody," Obama said.

It seemed as if the entire debate revolved around "Joe the Plumber." His name was brought up in response to question after question, with a total of 24 shout-outs to this newfound celebrity. Being an undecided voter, I vehemently wished for both candidates to ignore "Joe the Plumber" and explain more in depth about their views on the serious issues at hand.

The debate did stress the current economic crisis when Joe was not mentioned; the candidates stated how they would help to resolve the crisis when elected in three weeks. Obama presented one of his main goals to help out Americans financially: tax cuts for 95 percent of working Americans. McCain stated that he would help out small business owners, like, who else — "Joe the Plumber" — by keeping their tax rate at 35 percent.

Bob Schieffer of CBS News conducted the debate, asking one question to the candidates to reflect on their commercial ethics. Schieffer said that Mc-

Cain's commercials included comments about Obama such as "disrespectful," "dangerous," "dishonorable," and "he lied." On the other hand, Obama's commercials included comments about McCain such as "erratic," "out of touch," "lie," "angry," and "losing his bearings."

McCain stated that he regretted the negative aspects of both campaigns, while putting himself in a positive light, claiming that every time a Republican made a false allegation toward Obama, he has repudiated the remarks.

When it was time for Obama to rebuke these claims, Obama avoided the allegations made by McCain. Obama accused McCain of running 100 percent negative commercials. Obama also tried to steer clear of the entire topic of ethical campaigning, claiming that the American people want the candidates to address more relevant issues.

I couldn't agree more with Obama — I think that the American people need to listen intently for the candidates' stance on more important issues than "Joe the Plumber." However, I also want clear answers from a candidate, which Obama did not present during the debate.

As the debate concluded, I did not feel as if I gained enough background in the candidates' stances on the political issues involved. Back at square one, I still categorize myself as an undecided voter.

Regardless of my final decision, I will make sure to vote on election day, as Virginia is a very important swing state in the election this year.



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UMW DINING SERVICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23:

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE - Pumpkins are FREE! Prizes for top three entries!

October 29:

FACULTY & STAFF OKTOBERFEST LUNCH: Faculty & Staff Dining Room 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

STUDENT OKTOBERFEST DINNER Washington Diner- 4 PM to 6:30 PM

October 30:

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST! Ball Circle, 3 to 5 PM. Music, Prizes, Free Hot Cider and Candy Apples!

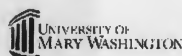
October 31:

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Nest. Prizes for Best Costumes!

RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR AMERICAN BISTRO (See below)

November 5:

AMERICAN BISTRO - Gourmet meal prepared by our Executive Chef and served at your table in the Faculty and Staff Dining Room. Menu includes grilled rib eye steaks! Wine available! Open to entire UMW community and guests! Additional charges apply.



Reservation forms, sign-up sheets, and details about these events are available from Seacobeck cashiers or at WWW.UMWDINING.COM

News

No Security Cameras Added to Parking Deck

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the time nor do I know it now. I am trying to put together an estimate," he said.

However, there are current plans to put security cameras in the new parking garage to be built at Eagle Village.

"When designing [the Eagle Village deck], we felt it important to make it as secure as possible so that it would appeal to parents and students alike. It is more isolated than our existing deck and we plan on charging a premium to park there," Hurley said.

According to Hurley, it will cost \$500 for students to attain parking permits for the Eagle Village deck, as opposed to \$200 at the current deck.

This extra money will pay for extra features, including security cameras, which will have staff to monitor them on a regular basis.

According to Fredericksburg police spokesperson Natatia Bledsoe, a security camera would not have deterred the recent sexual assault on the parking deck.

"The problem with [security cameras] is that for them to be in real time, there has to be someone watching the screen at all times," Bledsoe said.

However, Bledsoe said that while security cameras are not helpful in crime deterrence, one aided investigation of the abduction and murder of local delivery person Yong Hui Zhang in downtown Fredericksburg this July.

"Images taken from video surveillance cameras were instrumental in solving the crime and determining the abductors, however, there was no way to tell that this was a deterrent. There was nothing to stop them from putting Mr. Zhang in the trunk of their car," Bledsoe said.

According to Bledsoe, the new parking deck built downtown on Sofia Street has security cameras in-

stalled.

Fredericksburg City Manager Phillip Rodenberg confirmed Bledsoe's information.

"The parking garage has three sets of cameras stationed in strategic areas around both of the pay stations and the entrance to monitor cars that enter and leave," Rodenberg said.

Fredericksburg finished construction of the Sofia Street parking deck in 2005, one year before UMW began building its own parking deck.

Students remain divided on whether cameras in the parking deck are necessary.

Junior Logan Metesh believes that the sexual assault at the parking deck would have been prevented if security cameras had been installed.

"If there had been security cameras, the rape would not have happened," he said. "We would have known what color car the rapist drove and what he looked like, which would have been much better than an artist's rendering. You can only capture so much in a drawing and human memory is only so good."

Junior Mike Isaacson agrees with the administration's decision not to install cameras.

"I see the administration's point. Yes, [cameras] would be good to help find the guy after the fact, but they couldn't stop what already happened," he said.

Freshman Dalia Natour said that cameras would make her feel safer on campus.

"I have suddenly grown worried because there have been two assaults in the past six months on campus, and since our campus is neatly integrated into the downtown area it is easy for locals to gain access to the grounds," Natour said.

"Security cameras helped catch the man that robbed my father's grocery, so I trust that they would be able to assist in any future crimes that occur on campus," she added.

Weekend Parking Expanded, Jefferson Lot Now Faculty Only

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Annie Morris said she felt that something must be done with the city to be able to fully improve the safety of the campus.

"I think they [university officials] are doing what they can do with their resources, but there needs to be more of a student connection with the city," Morris said.

Student Senator Mike Isaacson said that any student who has a car understands the safety and parking concerns the university is trying to address.

"The concerns are definitely real and it is nice to see big changes. For me, if we ask for a mile and get an inch it is something. We have to keep on pushing to make the change we hope to see. That is why I am here in the first place," Isaacson said.

Daily Parking is Reduced

On August 24, the day of upper-classmen move in and the day before classes began, school officials transformed the 15-space residential student parking lot behind Jefferson Hall into a faculty/staff parking lot.

Susan Knick, assistant vice president of Public Safety and Community Services, said that plans to change the Jefferson parking lot began when the school purchased the two large houses on the corner of William Street for faculty offices.

The change was the latest in a series of parking reallocations that have left virtually all student parking on the edges of campus. Last year the school made all faculty and staff lots 24/7 parking, eliminating the luxury students had of parking in those spots after 5 p.m.

At the moment there are no immediate plans to add additional student parking, according to Knick.

"We are looking at all kinds of possibilities," Knick said, noting that when school officials look at new property they always ask themselves whether they can accommodate the necessary parking.

In the meantime, the reduced student parking has caused some students to feel unsafe.

Junior Rebecca Pomerantz, who lives in the apartments, said she believes her safety is in jeopardy, and that she is even more concerned this year than she has been in the past.

"I just did not go out a lot because I did not want to be put in an unsafe parking position," she said.

Knick is aware of the concern some students express regarding the safety on and near campus, and she encouraged students to start utilizing the university escort service.

The escort service consists of a single handicap accessible van that picks up and transports students who are around campus.

While waiting for the escort service, Knick said the safest thing you can do is to stay inside your car until the van arrives.

Budget costs within the school have limited the escort service to only one vehicle, but Knick is fighting for more van power.

"I have the staffing for it, but not the money," Knick said regarding adding additional vans.

Knick said she wants to get to a point where there are scheduled escort pick up times, similar to a bus schedule.

Sean O'Brien, president of the Student Government Association, is also concerned about the safety of the students at Mary Washington.

"I do not think an acceptable solution is to move parking, but a good compromise is to improve the safety of existing lots," O'Brien said.

One way the school tries to get student feedback is through safety walks conducted by Knick herself.

Knick said that these walks are a way for students to voice their concerns directly to her and others that are involved; however, rarely do students ever show up. In April, 2007, four faculty members and only two students showed up for the walk, she said.

Knick said that students do not perceive that she and her staff are doing good, and she always strives to put the students first.

"I believe in empowering the students," Knick states.

Logan Metesh, a resident in South Hall, feels the school is not putting students first and is frustrated with the parking situation.

"It pisses me off," Metesh said about the closing of the Jefferson lot.

"It is not fair to the students and it is not my fault that the school's multi-million dollar parking garage did not work," Metesh stated.

Metesh feels that the school is too preoccupied with their public image and have lost sight of students' interests.

"The University has forgotten they are providing a service to the students," Metesh said.

For the time being, Metesh is one of many students forced to park in the parking garage.

"I am shelling out a ton of money for tuition and \$200 for the esteemed privilege to walk from one end of campus to the other just to pick up my car," Metesh said.

Despite how unpopular the parking deck appears to be, Knick feels the deck is worth every penny the University has invested in it.

"Yes, it is absolutely a success," Knick said. She said the deck does a wonderful job preventing students from being displaced during big events and other special occasions.

In the 2007-08 academic year there were 1192 student parking spaces (not counting College Avenue or Hanover Street) and 503 faculty/staff spaces.

The remainder went to special uses such as handicapped (open to anyone - student/faculty/staff/visitor), visitor spaces, and service vehicle spaces.

For the academic year from 2008-09, there are 1177 student parking spaces and 518 faculty/staff spaces.

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We're listening to you!

UMW Dining Services Managers visited every residence hall on campus and met with about 215 students in late September so that we could find out what students think about campus dining programs and services this year. We were anxious to hear your suggestions and answer your questions, too. Below are just a few of the comments we received during our dorm visits. We'll be sharing more of them with you in future weeks.

We heard from you:

- Please put Romaine lettuce and Caesar salad makings on the salad bars at Seacobeck.
- Put the Nacho Bar back out on Friday nights in South Market
- Don't put butter or oil on vegetable dishes
- Provide better labeling of vegan & vegetarian dishes, and items containing dairy products
- Provide more protein options on the salad bars

And in response, we:

- Added the makings for Caesar salads to the salad bar in the South Market Dining Room
- Brought the Nacho Bar back on Friday nights in the South Market!
- Are offering more steamed vegetable dishes
- Put new and additional labels on our menu items. We hope you notice an improvement!
- Added chicken, tofu and other various proteins to our salad bars

Have you got questions or comments? Let us hear from you!

Our managers are available every day in the dining halls, you can fill out comment cards, or you can send us an e-mail at dining@umw.edu.

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Edna Mickens

Salad Production Worker at Seacobeck

Edna has been with campus dining services here at the University of Mary Washington since 1970 - over 38 years! She started working here right after the university went co-ed as a "line girl" - serving food to students as they walked through the buffet lines. In those days nothing was "self-serve", and students didn't have a choice of entrees. Edna has seen quite a few changes over the years! Edna was such a great worker that after a while she became the lunch cook - and I mean THE lunch cook! She was the only lunch cook for all four dining rooms at Seacobeck Hall for over 16 years!! For many years Edna also spent her summers working for University Facilities Services working in residence halls, so she really knows the campus inside and out!

In 1995 Edna transferred to our salad department, and she says she really enjoys the salad preparation. As she swiftly and confidently slices and dices a myriad of fruits and vegetables for our salad bars, her expert skills honed over the years are readily apparent. She makes it all look so easy!

Edna is from Louisa County and classifies herself as a true homebody. When she gets off work she loves to put her feet up, relax, and enjoy a good book or watch television. Enjoy your free time, Edna. You certainly deserve it! Thanks for being such a great member of our dining services team here at UMW.

Sports

With Taibl Gone, Offense Changes

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not being able to play but it makes me look forward to next year and it pushes me to recover faster."

Last season, Taibl was the Eagles' leading scorer, with 10 goals, two of which were game-winners, and three assists. He was also named the 2007 All-South Region men's soccer team by D3Kicks.com as well as being named to the National Soccer Coaches Association's all-region team.

"Oh no," was men's soccer coach Roy Gordon's first thought when he found out Taibl was injured.

"Ryan was our leading goal getter last year and a catalyst for much of what we were able to accomplish offensively in 2007," Gordon said. "I worried about how we would replace him."

Gordon decided to meet the new season with a fresh new mindset.

"We started the season without having him on the field so, in many ways, it was like what we go through every year when we have to replace graduating seniors who have had an impact on the team," Gordon said.

Coach Gordon was not the only one who received the bad news this summer and began to worry about the future season.

"Going into the year we needed someone else to step up since we lost our leading goal scorer,"

said junior goalkeeper Emmett Rutkowski.

The Eagles re-worked their offense to fill the role left behind by Taibl from the previous season. Gordon's new tactics highlight the strengths of other key players on the team.

"Last season, we may have ultimately relied on him so much that if he were stymied by the opponent on a given day, we struggled," Gordon said.

"What we

are doing now is much more balanced so that when Ryan returns next season, my hope is that he can be even more effective because we



Courtesy of Clint Offen

will have developed other ways to be successful and teams will not be able to key on him so much."

Taibl's support system, including teammates, family and friends, would be incomplete without the support from his mother, whom he is extremely close to.

"Obviously, I am very upset that Ryan is injured," said Sandy Hoppe, Taibl's mother, "but I expect the team to still do well and I am still rooting for the boys."

Taibl has a long road to recovery ahead of him.

"The ultimate test that will show that I can play again is if I can jump up and down on one foot," Taibl said.

Doctors hope to clear him to begin sprinting and making cutting movements by Dec. 15. "I should be able to start playing hard about a month after that," Taibl said. "So by mid-January I should be back on the field, and I can't wait."

“
Ryan was our leading goal getter last year and a catalyst...offensively in 2007

— Coach Roy Gordon

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World Series Lacks Villain

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

David vs. David? Well that's no fun. Even though I predicted this World Series match-up, I can't help but wish I was at least a little wrong.

Peruse the line-ups of both the Tampa Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies and you'll find that Jimmy Rollins is the most controversial player and the most he ever does is just talk a little trash.

Surely, neither of these teams has a direct relationship to "David" in the biblical way. I suppose you could say the Rays, but it's not like they came out of nowhere down 13 games in the last two months of the season to win the division. They got ahead and stayed ahead pretty much the entire year.

The problem with this series is that if you don't have any direct ties to either the city of Philadelphia or Tampa Bay, who are you supposed to root for? Both teams are both chock full of players that any team would be dying to have. All players play hard, except for B.J. Upton for about two weeks, they all perform and they're all far too likeable.

Imagine a Dodgers-Red Sox World Series. Manny back in Boston, not wearing a Red Sox jersey; can you make better television? Could you even attempt to write that script? You wouldn't need to. Baseball wrote that story when the Sox sent him packing. It already has conflict, intensity and trust issues.

Phillies vs. Rays? Unless Scott Kazmir and Cole Hamels start throwing at batters in the first game, this is going to be one of the more boring series in recent memory.

Ok, so there's no conflict. It's still going to be a hard fought series with two great teams. The bottom line is that Tampa Bay and Philadelphia both deserve to be in the series with stellar play throughout the regular and post seasons.

It's tough to say who really has the advantage coming in because both have potent line-ups. While the Phillies have Ryan Howard, who led the majors in home runs and runs batted in, the Rays have likely rookie of the year Evan Longoria and future all-star center fielder Upton, who have both been on an absolute tear.



Courtesy of biasedfan.wordpress.com/
B.J. Upton (above), could make history in any at-bat during the Series.



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In the World Series, Jimmy Rollins is about as controversial as they come.

Upton, who has seven home runs so far this postseason, has an opportunity to pass Barry Bonds and Carlos Beltran for the record for most home runs in a postseason. Bonds and Beltran both had eight during their postseason stints.

Defensively, both teams are stellar but the advantage they goes to Tampa Bay who has a gold glove caliber player at every infield position. The Phillies have the advantage when it comes to the bullpen. Brad Lidge went 41-for-41 in the regular season and has gone five-for-five so far in the postseason in save opportunities.

The Rays can quickly counter the Phils' pen if they start to use 2007 first-overall-draft-pick, David Price more often. Price, who pitched just once in the postseason before he broke out in game seven, finished off the Red Sox in the series finale impressed everyone. With two outs and the bases loaded, he struck out J.D. Drew on just four pitches.

Price wasn't done yet. After Price walked Jason Bay to start the ninth, he reverted back to dominance and struck out Mark Kotsay and Jason Varitek before pinch-hitter Jed Lowrie grounded out to second baseman Akinori Iwamura to end the game and the series.

Starting pitching also goes to the Rays. I take Hamels over Kazmir based on the consistency Hamels has shown in the postseason. However, Bret Myers, Joe Blanton and Jamie Moyer are no match for the Rays young guns James Shields, Matt Garza and Andy Sonnanstine.

It ended up that home-field advantage in the Rays-Red Sox ended up not mattering as much as the home team went 3-4 during the seven games.

The Phillies may not have home-field advantage for this series, but do they really need it? The Rays had the best home record this year at 57-24, but the Phillies had the best road record in the majors at 44-37. The games in Tampa Bay will be crucial because of how good the Phillies are on the road.

I'm calling this match-up: "The World Series for Baseball Fans." I'm doing so because without conflict or a direct tie to one of the cities, most people are not going to watch any of the games. But for fans that want to see power curve balls, 96 mph fastballs and booming home runs, this series was the best outcome for you.

In the end, I'm sticking with my original prediction: the Rays are going to take this series and finish off their worst-to-first run with a championship ring.

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Women's Rugby to Exact Revenge

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cluding more than half of our starting team from last year."

Mary Washington got on the board first after driving deep in to Longwood territory. A penalty kick by senior Emily Bleese set the score to 3-0. Junior Jamie Pimsler contributed the team's first try.

The ladies seemed to have control over the entire game. It was sophomore, VRU-U23 all-star Dani Jones that put the ruggers up 13-7 after a breakout, 85-meter long run for a try. The score all but sealed the game's fate.

Unfortunately, Longwood stormed back down the field late in the game to put five more points on the board with a try that was set down in the right corner of the try-zone. With stoppage time expired, the only way Longwood could win was for their fullback to make a very improbable conversion.

"Not at all!" was the response from team president Boyce when asked whether or not she thought the kick had a chance of going through.

"That kick was taken from the corner," Boyce said. "And, their fullback hadn't had a successful kick all day."

In rugby, because kicker attempts the conversion parallel to where the ball is touched down and the angle of the kick can be very extreme, it is worth two points while the actual try is worth five.

The loss was tough on most players. Since division II play was established, it was just the second league game the team had lost.

"At first, I was heartbroken," Boyce said. "But the more I think about it, the better I feel. This game really lit a fire under our girls. As for the state tournament, I personally can't wait. It's going to be a hard game, but if all of us go out there and play our hardest, it's in the bag."

Sports

"Massacre" Debuts At UMW

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

"Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went, she caught that disc fo' sho'."

Fo' sho, fo' sho', fo' sho'."

So goes a cheer that the University of Mary Washington women's ultimate Frisbee team screams to get themselves psyched up for a game.

The "Mary Massacre" has not been hiding. You can see them every week, practicing either on Ball Circle or the Kenmore fields. But you would be right in thinking that you've never seen them take to the field.

That's because in the last four years, the force to be reckoned with that is the Mary Massacre has never gotten the opportunity to play a match on any of the numerous Mary Washington fields.

But after waiting their whole college careers, the seniors on the women's ultimate frisbee team finally got their opportunity to play a match on the UMW campus.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said senior Caitlin Goldman.

Goldman, one of the leaders on the team, may have been joking and exaggerating a bit. But for these seniors, and the rest of the Mary Massacre, means a lot.

"This is my fourth year playing frisbee and it was really cool for my friends and family to finally get to see us play here at home," she said.

This year, there is a strong freshman presence that shows a lot of potential. Though some start playing for different reasons, one thing is for sure: once you join, you're hooked.

"I got into Frisbee because I got wanted to get into a sport that wasn't super serious. varsity sports practice everyday," said freshman Mary Cait Nannery. "I wanted to stay active in college but do something that was fun, and the Frisbee kids are really nice, so it's a much better community than a lot of teams that I've played on."

The Massacre came up big in their first match ever at home, against the University of Richmond, the first of three games in a four-team tournament with the College of William and Mary, and the University of Virginia.

The young squad had numerous first-time players on Sunday, but was able to squeak out an 8-7 win over Richmond.



Courtesy Mary Massacre

The Mary Massacre knows that it's not always about winning. Having fun as a team is always just as important.

A standard "ultimate" game has no time limit.

Instead, it ends when one team reaches 13 points. Halftime occurs when either team reaches the seven-point mark.

However, Sunday's match against Richmond was a hard-fought battle in which a "hard cap" was put on the end of the game. The hard cap put a one hour and 30 minute time limit on the length of the match. Halftime occurred

when Richmond went up 6-5.

The team has a strong veteran presence, but is in the process of being handed over to a much

younger group of players.

For most of these rookies, Sunday was their first opportunity to get a significant amount of playing time, and it's a good thing, because regionals will be creeping up in no time.

The lucky freshmen, the wait for their first home match wasn't very long. Nannery was excited to get to play and was impressed with the way the team played.

"This past weekend I think we did pretty well, [although] I'm still learning," Nannery said. "But I feel like with this team, even if you're not too good or if you haven't played before, they teach you and they help you out a lot."

Though they were able to hold off Richmond, the Massacre was not as successful against UVA or William and Mary. A more experienced Virginia team reached 13 quickly and never looked back for a shutout win.

"Remember when the Monstars played the Toonsquad [in Space Jam]? We're like the Toonsquad. We don't have Michael [Jordan], but we do have Lauren Bell, who's five feet tall," Goldman

said. "It's going to be a tough year with having so many new players, but with strong seniors like Emily Curtis, Erika Kampner and Kari Van Kommer, we definitely have a chance to make it to regionals if we work hard enough."

The William and Mary game held more success than the Virginia game, but again, the Massacre came up short, losing 13-3.

The team was not expecting to win either game due to lack of experience but players were very proud at the way their team handled themselves.

Senior Casey Mitchell has been playing ultimate for four years and doesn't plan on stopping.

"[I started playing the] first week of school freshman year. I switched from playing soccer for the last twelve years and have been stuck ever since," she said. "[The tournament last weekend] was a great opportunity for all of the new players to get playing time. I think it was a great learning experience for everyone and a lot of fun."

If you didn't have a chance to go see the match, don't worry. The team is hoping that there will be more tournaments in the Spring season.

“Remember when the Toon Squad played the Monstars? We're like the Toon Squad.”

— Caitlin Goldman

Longwood Devastates Mary Wash

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington women's rugby team gave it their all this past Saturday at the Battlegrounds, but unfortunately came up just a kick short in a heartbreaking 14-13 loss to Longwood University.

Players didn't really know what to expect from Longwood but were ready to put their skills to the test in a gritty game.

"We had no idea how that game was going to go; it was a wildcard. Longwood has changed completely in the past few years, said senior Marissa Boyce. "I was actually pleasantly surprised with the level of play we showed. We've lost 32 players in three years, in-

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Courtesy of Mike Harrington

A Mary Washington player steam rolls past a Longwood defender on her way to a long run.

Taibl Eyeing Winter Return

By SARA RITTLEMEYER
Guest Writer

On June 15, Mary Washington junior Ryan Taibl chased a ball trickling toward the opposing 18-yard line during a summer league game. The other team's keeper was after the same ball. But when Taibl planted his foot to strike the ball, his lower right shin was slammed by the keeper's left knee.

"I flipped over him," Taibl said. "And I knew something was injured. I hoped it was just a small ankle injury, but I wouldn't be so lucky." Taibl, a business major at UMW, went into shock initially after the injury.

"The gross part was I looked down and saw the bottom of my cleat," Taibl said. Before an ambulance reached the soccer field, trainers checked for further severity. "That's when it started to hurt, a lot," Taibl said.

Taibl's tibia was broken in two places broke and his fibula in one. On June 16, Taibl went into surgery to insert a 10 inch titanium rod, including four pins, two in his knee and two in his ankle.

The surgery was only scheduled to be two hours long. It turned out to be a four and a half hours because doctors were unaware that there was a 5 centimeter long piece of Taibl's tibia that had to be removed.

Now, Taibl must go to the athletic trainer at Mary Washington three times a week where he is rehabbing his ankle and knee. He



Courtesy David Rogers

Taibl (middle) and teammates Stefan Melone (left) and Teddy Barry (right) celebrate during 2007's Homecoming match.

works on strengthening exercises as well as an intense amount of stretching.

Unable to even begin jogging until Sept. 15, Taibl's season was over before preseason even began. He is red shirting and is forced to watch the team play while he is sidelined with boot and crutches close by.

"It's good to be part of the team because some of my best friends are a part of the team, and I live with all of them," Taibl said. "It sucks

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